

**10th Grade Reading / English Language Arts
Pacing Guide**

This pacing guide was created after careful consideration of state online benchmarks and, therefore, must be followed as written.

Block schedule quarter = 4 ½ weeks / 45 minute schedule quarter = 9 weeks.

English 10 is a study of the various genres of literature from all over the world and from all time periods.

Students will read a total of 25 books per year across the curriculum.

MODIFICATIONS: In the suggestions and link to social studies section, the final standard will be addressed as the two disciplines collaborate on readings in an interdisciplinary fashion.

Writing Roadmap: All students should complete a minimum of one Writing Roadmap assignment based upon the type of writing taught during the grading period.

First Quarter

Unit 1: Fiction, Including the Novel

Writing: personal narrative or original short story

Writing conventions: Review punctuation and capitalization

Research: How to choose a topic

How to narrow the focus

How to compose research questions

How to locate and evaluate sources

Vocabulary study: context, structure, etymology

Speaking: Sharing narrative

Second Quarter

Unit 2: Poetry and Nonfiction

Writing: description and formula poems

Writing conventions: Review abbreviations, numbers, sentence faults

Research: How to write summaries, paraphrases, direct quotes for notes

How to compose an annotated bibliography

How to avoid plagiarism

Vocabulary study: continues

Speaking: Presentation of poems

Third Quarter

Unit 3: Drama

Writing: persuasion

Writing conventions: Verb and pronoun usage, correct word choice

Research: How to create an outline from notes

How to use a style sheet for research writing

How to use parenthetical citations correctly

How to write the body of the research paper by following the outline

Vocabulary study: continues

Speaking: Oral reading (interpretation)

Fourth Quarter
Unit 4: Themes and Literature
Writing: Final research project
Writing conventions: Mixed review
Research: Revising and editing research paper
Creating a presentation of the research
Vocabulary study: continues
Speaking: Delivering a presentation

TECHSTEPS UNIT: *Persuasion and Politics*-This unit is to be done at the appropriate time in your pacing. Review the unit prior to engaging students and schedule adequate time in computer lab. It is essential to use and post the companion rubric. Ideally this unit fits well into the Third Quarter of the course.

Benchmark Windows

Benchmark 1- October 25-November 20
Benchmark 2- January 20-February 15
Benchmark 3- March 25-April 25
Benchmark 4- Westest 2- last two weeks of May

Teachers: Please make use of the “reports” section of the Acuity site to monitor student progress and modify instruction as needed.

The central office will schedule the benchmark test window. Students on block will take benchmark tests on a 4 ½ week schedule. The school principal will be required to contact the central office for scheduling these 4 ½ week exams.